

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 8 and 12 through 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 in view of Zoken. Claims 9 through 11 were deemed allowable subject matter but were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

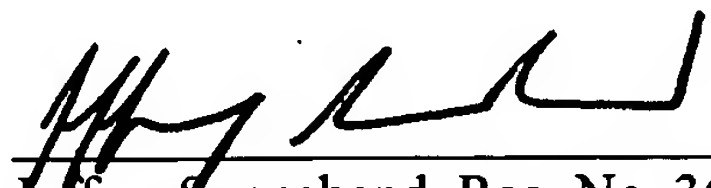
In order to expedite issuance of the allowable claims, applicant has cancelled claims 1 through 8 and 12 through 18. Applicant cancels these claims without prejudice to applicant's right to re-submit these claims in a new, copending application. By cancelling the present claims, applicant makes no admission regarding the merit of Examiner's rejection and expressly reserves the right to traverse such rejection and/or amend the claims to overcome such rejection in a new, copending application.

Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claims 10 and 11 depend from claim 9. Claims 9 through 11 are therefore in condition for allowance.

Applicant has amended the title of the application. The title is now clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Respectfully submitted,

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